



Transaction Privilege Tax Changes and News

This publication is an informational notice included with the September 2003 Transaction Privilege Tax Return.

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA

Effective November 1, 2003: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista passed ordinance number 2003-009. Ordinance 2003-009 increases the Sierra Vista City Privilege Tax from **1.50% to 5.50%** on the Hotel Classification section 8a-444. The Tax on Hotels shall be reported using **SR4**. Ordinance 2003-009 also decreases the **Additional Tax on Transient Lodging to 0%**.

This ordinance provides no exception for pre-existing contracts.

Effective November 1, 2003: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista passed ordinance number 2003-010. Ordinance 2003-010 increases the Sierra Vista City Privilege Tax from **1.50% to 1.60%** on the Retail Classification section 8a-460. The Tax on Retail shall be reported using **SR5**.

The effect of ordinance 2003-010 is to increase the retail tax rate to 1.60% for the City of Sierra Vista until October 31, 2006. On November 1, 2006 the rate will be reduced to 1.50%

This ordinance provides no exception for pre-existing contracts.

Effective November 1, 2003: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista passed ordinance number 2003-011. Ordinance 2003-011 increases the Sierra Vista City Privilege Tax from **1.50% to 2.60%** on the Restaurant and Bar Classification section 8a-455. The Tax on Restaurant and Bars shall be reported using **SR3**.

The effect of ordinance 2003-011 is to increase the Restaurant and Bar Tax rate to 2.60% for the City of Sierra Vista until October 31, 2006. On November 1, 2006 the rate will be reduce to 1.50%.

This ordinance provides no exception for pre-existing contracts.

Effective November 1, 2003: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista passed ordinance number 2003-012. Ordinance 2003-012 selects Model Option 15 thus instituting Article VI-Use Tax of the Model City Tax Code. The City of Sierra Vista use tax rate is 1.6% and shall be reported using **SR2**.

The effect of ordinance 2003-011 is to establish a use tax rate of 1.60% for the City of Sierra Vista until October 31, 2006. On November 1, 2006 the rate will be reduce to 0%.

This ordinance provides no exception for pre-existing contracts.

The following will be the official reporting codes for Sierra Vista:

Privilege Tax	SR	1.50%
Use Tax	SR2	1.60%
Restaurant/Bar	SR3	2.60%
Hotel/Motel	SR4	5.50%
Retail Sales	SR5	1.60%
Utilities/Telecommunications	SR8	2.00%
Jet Fuel	SR9	\$0.02/gal

To ensure proper posting of your returns and payments, please use the following addresses:

Transaction Privilege (Sales) and
Use Tax

PO Box 29010
Phoenix AZ 85038-9010

Withholding Tax

PO Box 29009
Phoenix AZ 85038-9009

Corporate, S-Corp, Partnership and
Exempt Organization Tax

PO Box 29079
Phoenix AZ 85038-9079



ARIZONA TAX AMNESTY

September 1 – October 31, 2003

Evading state taxes is not only a serious crime, it hurts everyone in Arizona. People who fail to pay a fair share cause other taxpayers to pay more or receive less service. The State of Arizona is providing taxpayers a rare opportunity to file back taxes with reduced interest and no civil penalties. File your amnesty application today before time runs out!

WHY SHOULD I COME FORWARD?

- To comply with Arizona tax laws
- To take advantage of decreased penalties and interest
- To support government funded activities (education, health care, parks and recreation, etc.)
- The likelihood of getting caught and risk of higher penalties are increasing dramatically

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Those who failed to file a tax return
- Taxpayers who failed to report all income or all tax, interest and penalties that were due
- Taxpayers who claimed incorrect credits or deductions
- Taxpayers who misrepresented or omitted any tax due

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF UNDERREPORTED TAX OR INCOME?

- Cash transactions
- Contracting activities such as construction, landscaping, plumbing, and others
- Use tax
- Purchases by non-profit organizations

WHAT TAXES ARE INCLUDED?

- Income tax (individual, corporate and fiduciary)
- Withholding tax
- Luxury tax (liquor and tobacco)
- Transaction privilege (sales) tax and use tax (state & county only)

WHAT TAX PERIODS ARE INCLUDED?

All taxes that are due on an annual basis may request amnesty for any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1983, but ending before January 1, 2002.

For all other taxes, you may request amnesty for any tax period beginning on or after January 1, 1983 and ending before January 1, 2003.

More details available at taxamnesty.az.gov

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